(b) the number of families which have been uprooted/migrated from their villages on account of flood water and whether any arrangement for their rehabilitation has been made by Government; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR): (a) According to information received from the Government of Haryana, about 14800 hectares of land is still under flood water in the State. The State government have decided to extend financial assistance at the rate of Rs. 7500/- per hectare to farmers whose land is rendered uncultivable in the Rabi Season due to standing flood water, provided the land was cultivated during the last Rabi Season.

(b) and (c) The State Government provided accommodation in temporary shelters and relief camps to about 1.50 lakhs uprooted people. After dewatering operations carried out on a large scale by the State Government and receding of the water, most of these people have returned to their homes. The State Governemnt provide assistance to the affected people for their rehabilitation.

Damage caused to Orissa Irrigation Projects Due To Rains and Floods

*299. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the irrigation projects damaged in Orissa by recent rains and floods;

(b) the steps taken for the proper repair and restoration of those projects; and

(c) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES AND THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) The Cyclonic storm in Orissa resulted in heavy rains and floods from 10th to 12th November, 1995 causing damage to the following irrigation projects:—Delta; Stage-I and II, Pitamahal, Haladia, Baladia, Salandi, Salia, Kuanria, Boudha-Budhiani, Pilasalkhi, Hirakud, Anandapur barrage, East Canal and Rushikulya system.

(b) and (c) The State Government has reported that they have commenced repair and restoration of these irrigation projects. Repairs to the damages which occureed in the above irrigation projects have been estimated by the State Government as about Rs. 3.28 crore. Under the National Fund for Calamity Relief for the Flood Calamity in Orissa during November, 1995, Centre has provided Rs. 25.75 crore for rescue, relief and emergency repairs of damaged works which include the above irrigation structures. The Centre has also released the Central contribution of Rs. 34.69 crore for 1995-96 under Calamity Relief Fund and an additional Rs. 9.19 crore as first instalment of Calamity Relief Fund of 1996-97. These funds can also be used for repair and restoration of the above projects.

Agitation By Employees of IARI

*300. SHRI K. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether group B, C and D employees of Indian Agricultural Research Institution are on agitation for a long time;

(b) if so, the details with background thereof;

(c) whether the aggrieved employees have held demonstration at certain places in Delhi during their 'Direct Action' Programme;

(d) whether Government propose to resolve the issues of agitation; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor?